4 **योजनाओं की बढ़ती हुई प्रचालन लागत**

4380. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला**: क्या सामाजिक न्याम और अधिकारिता मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मंत्रालय की विभिन्न योजनाओं की प्रचालन लागत में पिछले कुछ वर्षों से वृद्धि हो रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गुजरात तथा अन्य राज्यों में वर्ष 1989-99 से आज तक हुई इस वृद्धि का मद-वार तथा वर्ष-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या कुछ राज्यों में इस लागत का प्रतिशत सबसे अधिक है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ङ) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई व्यापक अध्ययन कराया है?

समाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय की राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मेनका गांधी): (क) से (ङ) वर्ष 1989-90 ले थोक मूल्य सूचकांक में वृद्धि से सामाजिक न्याय तथा अधिकारिता मंत्रालय द्वारा कार्यान्वित विभिन्न योजनाओं/कार्यक्रमों के विभिन्न तत्वों/घटकों की प्रचालन लागत पर प्रभाव पड़ा है। इस मंत्रालय द्वारा इस संबंध में कोई व्यापक अध्ययन नहीं किया गया है।

Utilisation of Fund under SCA

4381. SHRl SANATAN BlSl: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state the details of incentives and disincentives that have been introduced by this Ministry to ensure full utilisation of funds ^mocated under the Special Central Assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GA^^DHI): A system of incentives and dis-incentives for States/U.T. Administrations was introduced by Ministry of Welfare (now Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment) w.e-f. the financial year 1994-95 and 1995-96 in respect of the schemes of Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan and Special Central Assistance to Special Component Plan respectively to ensure full utilisation of funds allocated under the two schemes. Under this system, if any State/U.T. Administration does not utilise the entire SCA allocated to it during the year as per reports available with the Ministry at the end of the second quarter of the subsequent year, then an amount equivalent to the unspent balance available with the State Govt, at the commencement of the subsequent year would be deducted from the amount due to the allocated to that State for the subsequent year. Thus, the total sum, which would be deducted from the amount due to various defaulting States, would be distributed as per norms amongst the States/UT Administrations which have utilised the total SCA in full as per reports available on the cut-off date. However, according to the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Labour & Welfare (1996-97) (Eleventh Lok Sabha) in their Second Report on Ministry of Welfare, Demands for Grants (1996-97) this was withdrawn. But the instructions of Ministry of Finance, Department of Ecorromic Affairs issued vide their O.M. No. F 2(23)-B (CDN) 95 dated 10.2.95 according to which the unspent balances may be adjusted in the further grant/assistance to be provided are being followed while releasing funds to States/U.T. Administrations.

Blocks with High Percentage of SC Population

4382. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the Blocks having 50 per cent or more Scheduled Caste population; and

(b) the amount invested for infrastructural development programmes during 1996-97 and 1997-98 under the special component plan for Scheduled-Castes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) As per 1991 Census, there are 24 Blocks having 50% and more SC population in four States.

(b) Information is being collected and will be placed on the T^ble of the House.